

HOUSE BILL 2925

By Kelsey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-3-154, relative to eligibility for temporary assistance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-3-154(h)(2)(C), is amended by adding the following subdivision:

(iii) If the parent or relative caregiver is not in compliance with subdivision (h)(2)(B)(i), the temporary assistance payment for the following month shall be reduced in the amount of one hundred percent (100%). The parent or relative caregiver shall not be in compliance with the personal responsibility plan as required under subdivision (h)(2)(B)(i) if a child's total number of unexcused absences in any one (1) school month exceeds two (2) full days. The sanction provided by this subdivision (iii) shall be effective for one (1) payment month for each month the child failed to meet the attendance requirement. The sanction shall be removed once the child completes one (1) month without two (2) unexcused absences during a school term. However, should such one (1) month occur while school is not in session, the sanction shall be removed at the beginning of the month following the month the sanction was effective.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-3-154(h)(2)(C)(ii), is amended by deleting the language "under subdivisions (h)(2)(B)(i) and (ii)" and replacing it with the language "under subdivision (h)(2)(B)(i)".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.